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ferent and that all librarianship is centered on human interactions.

Valerie Tucci, the Physical Sciences/Engineering Librarian at **The College of New Jersey**, comes from years of management at a small, very hierarchical corporate library. In her article, "Crossing the Bridge Connecting the Corporate and Academic Library Worlds," she outlines the cultural and organizational differences between academic and special librarianship and describes her adjustment to academic life.

In "The Refugee Returns Home: An MLS in Corporate America," **Kate Kosturski**, Instructional Services Coordinator for Europe at **JSTOR**, writes of her personal journey to librarianship, painting herself as one of the "refugees" from other fields.

Laura Harris, a Web trainer at **Springshare**, writes of her move from a large academic library to a small software company in "Joining the Dark Side." In her article, she comments on the joys of working from a home office and the advantages of smaller organizations.

In "Lessons Learned," **Amira Aaron**, Associate Dean, Scholarly Resources at **North-eastern University Libraries**, writes of a long career that has moved from academic libraries to the vendor world and back. She offers her prescription for insuring success in either camp and discusses the challenges ahead.

Finally, in "The Value of Experience," **Scott Smith** reflects on a long career in book-vending and writes of his decision to return to the library world he so clearly loves. Along the way, he challenges the occasionally limited vision of library hiring committees who discount non-traditional experience. 🐼

against the grain people profile

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BORN & LIVED: Except for one wayward year, I've lived my entire life in New Jersey.

EARLY LIFE: Pathologically happy.

FAMILY: Wife, **Margaret**; Two daughters, **Adrianna** (grad student at **Johns Hopkins**) and **Alicia** (soon-to-be-minted BFA from **BU**); Son, **Jeremy** (soon-to-be-unemployed philosopher with BA from **Rowan**).

EDUCATION: BA, Classics, **Rutgers College**; MA, Classics, **Rutgers**; MLS, **Rutgers**.

FIRST JOB: Movie theater usher (remember those?).

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: After getting my MLS, I was a cataloger for **B&T** before being detoured for nearly 30 years in vendorland as a rep for **Midwest Library Service** and **Blackwell** (remember them?).

IN MY SPARE TIME I LIKE TO: Sing with a local choir, read voraciously but not critically.

FAVORITE BOOKS: *Wind, Sand, & Stars*, **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**. *The Supper of the Lamb*, **Robert Farrar Capon**. *Mating*, **Norman Rush**.

PET PEEVES/WHAT MAKES ME MAD: The smug and self-important.

PHILOSOPHY: Work hard, treat others decently, be grateful.

MOST MEANINGFUL CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:

When **Lyman Newlin** remembered my name.

GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW: Achieve tenure at **TCNJ**, understand **Microsoft Access**.

HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS: More heavily dependent on electronics with ongoing struggles to fund them. Lots more tablet readers (in both senses of the word). 🐼



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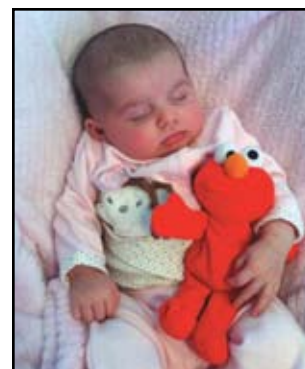
John visited **Charleston** recently with the delightful **Kim Robinson** (Regional Director of Sales for the Southeast and MidAtlantic, **ProQuest**) and we had a grand old time talking about business, silent movies, and video games.

More from this side of the pond, following its acquisition by **ALA publishing**, **Neal-Schuman** shut down its New York City operations on March 22. Here are email addresses for key people at **ALA** who will be handling the **Neal-Schuman** imprint. **Michael Jeffers**, publisher <jjef-fers@ala.org> and **Jill Davis**, marketing manager <davis@ala.org>.

And heard from the lovely **Kathryn Suarez** who will be moving to **ABC-Clio** after five years with **Neal-Schuman**.

The wonderful **Mike Sweet** caught me up on the status of the scholarly **John Dove** whose mother was a librarian, **John** was on his way to the **London Book Fair**. **John** is out of the hospital and bicycling away still after surgery on his hematoma from his bike accident and surgery to remove a small growth on his kidney. But you can't keep a good **Credo** man down!

Was talking to the focused **Audrey Powers** the other day about a potential preconference before the **32nd Charleston Conference**, and she told me that her son, **Austin** (remember him?) is curator of an art gallery in China. When he was a boy he fell in love with China and is now doing what he always wanted to do. Anyway, **Austin** was coming to Florida for a brief visit. BTW,



Pictured above is **Lainie Brown's** first granddaughter, **Madison Olivia Brown**, 7 weeks old. Congratulations **Lainie**!

Future Dates for Charleston Conferences

Preconferences and Vendor Showcase Main Conference

	Preconferences and Vendor Showcase	Main Conference
2012 Conference	7 November	8-10 November
2013 Conference	6 November	7-9 November
2014 Conference	5 November	6-8 November
2015 Conference	4 November	5-7 November

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